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XXIX[™] PAN AMERICAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TORONTO 2015

Dear Friends in Karate,

It is with great and sincere pleasure that I hereby invite all of you to Toronto, Canada, to take part in the XXIXth Pan American Karate Championships, on March 19-21, 2015.

This historic Championship will not only be preceded by a Pan American Qualification Event for karate competition at the 2015 Pan Am Games (on March 18th), but it will also serve as the official test event for this prestigious multisport event. The entire City of Toronto looks forward to greeting all of our continental federation's very best athletes, coaches and referees for this event, and Karate Canada has been working dedicatedly, with the support of the Canadian and Ontario governments and of its provincial partner karate Ontario, to ensure that we are fully ready and prepared to greet you in Toronto for a top-quality competition, meeting the highest standards in international event hosting.

As these 2015 Senior Pan American Karate Championships will represent the last important chapter in the preparation of the continent's top teams and athletes before the TO 2015 Pan Am Games, we can all expect the very finest level of karate to be showcased in this unforgettable event.

We therefore warmly welcome you to Toronto, the host city for the TO2015 Pan Am Games, and we look forward to further cementing our friendships in the spirit of international competition, fair play and sportsmanship.

Best regards,

Dragan Kljenak President Karate Canada



Karate Canada is very proud, with the support of the Pan American Karate Federation (PKF) and of the governments of Canada and of Ontario, to invite all National Federations affiliated to the Pan American Karate Federation (PKF) to take part in the XXIXth Senior Pan American Karate Championships in Toronto, Canada, in March 2015.

This important event will also be preceded by a Continental Qualification Event for Karate at the 2015 Pan American Games.

DATE AND LOCATION

The Championships will be held on March 19-21, 2015, at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, located in Toronto (Ontario), Canada.

The Continental Qualification Event for Karate at the 2015 Pan American Games will take place at the same location, on March 18th, 2015.

PARTICIPANTS / ELIGIBILITY

All countries duly affiliated to the Pan American Karate Federation (PKF) are eligible to participate.

REGISTRATION

For both events, all participating nations may register their teams / delegations online, via SportData. Full details regarding the online registration process and timeline will be available shortly.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fees will be USD \$80.00 per athlete (for both the Pan American Championships AND the Continental Qualification Event for the 2015 Pan Am Games, if applicable). All registration fees must be paid to the Treasurer of he Pan American Karate Federation (PKF) at the time of on-site registration / accreditation (or ID pick-up), at the Headquarters Hotel and Venue (see Schedule on page 8 for times and dates).

For registrations after the closing of the on line registration a penalty of USD \$10 will be applied for the registration of each competitor.



COMPETITION RULES

The current (at the time of the event) official competition rules and regulations of the World Karate Federation (WKF) will be applicable.

DIVISIONS

FOR THE CONTINENTAL QUALIFICATION EVENT FOR THE 2015 PAN AM GAMES (on March 18th):

• INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

A maximum of one (1) athlete per country and per WKF weight division may participate (with the exception of Canada, whose athletes may not take part in this Qualification Event). Countries may not, however, register athletes in divisions where they have already qualified (earned a spot, at Regional Qualifiers) for participation in the 2015 Pan Am Games.

FOR THE 2015 SENIOR PAN AMERICAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (on March 19-21):

• INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

A maximum of two (2) athletes per country and per weight division may participate.

• TEAM KUMITE

A maximum of one (1) team per country and per division may participate.

INDIVIDUAL KATA

A maximum of two (2) athletes per country and per division may participate.

• TEAM KATA

A maximum of one (1) team per country and per division may participate.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded for the first place, second place and two third place winners in each division.

(Please note that no medals will be awarded for results at the Continental Qualification Event for Karate at the 2015 Pan American Games.)







OFFICIAL HOTEL AND VENUE

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL & VENUE:



The WESTIN HARBOUR CASTLE HOTEL ** 1 Harbour Square Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 1A6 www.westinharbourcastletoronto.com



(Please note: the actual competition and all related session and activities (accreditation / on-site registration, weigh-in, team trainings, Referee and Coach Courses, Technical Meetings, PKF Congress...) will take place within the Headquarters Hotel, eliminating the need for hotel-venue travel and transport.)

SPECIAL RATE:

SINGLE TO QUADRUPLE OCCUPANCY: \$145.00 + taxes / NIGHT

CUT-OFF DATE:

Please reserve no later than February 24th 2015.

FOR RESERVATIONS:

Please use the following link to reserve online: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/KCC12C



Reservations can also be made directly on the phone, with Westin Reservations, at 1-888-627-8559(North America only), 1-800-228-3000 (outside USA and Canada) or at 416-869-1600.

Please indicate that you are with "KARATE CANADA – PAN AM QUALIFIERS' to benefit from the special group rate.

(** Please note: All participating teams will be expected and required to reside at one of the official hotels for this event.)







REFEREE AND COACH COURSES

All Referee and Coach Courses will be held at the Headquarters Hotel on the dates established in the schedule (p.8). More information coming soon...

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (Venue: Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto)

DATES	TIME	EVENTS
MONDAY, MARCH 16	9:00	ARRIVAL OF DELEGATIONS REGISTRATION OF DELEGATIONS (HQ HOTEL) ARBITRATION (REFEREE) KATA AND KUMITE COURSE REGISTRATION, UNTIL 12:00 PM (NOON) (HQ)
	14:00 - 20:00	EXPLANATION KATA PRACTICE, PRACTICE AND REVIEW, THEORETICAL REVIEW OF KATA (HQ)
TUESDAY, MARCH 17	8:00-10:00	OFFICIAL WEIGH -IN FOR PAN AM QUALIFIER (HQ)
	9:00-17:00	REGISTRATION OF DELEGATIONS (HQ)
	9:00 – 12:00	PRACTICE EXPLANATION KUMITE (HQ)
	9:00 – 12:00	COACHES' COURSE (HQ)
	13:00-14:00	TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND DRAW FOR PAN AM QUALIFIER (HQ)
	14:00-20:00	THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL EXAM REVIEW KUMITE (HQ)
	18:00	PKF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (HQ)
	19:00	PKF CONGRESS (HQ)
	21:00	WELCOME DINNER FOR THE PAN AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND GUESTS
	8:00 – 10:00	OFFICIAL WEIGH -IN PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIPS (HQ)
	8:00-9:00	DELIVERY OF RESULTS FROM REFREE TESTING (HQ)
	9:30 -17:00	PAN AMERICAN GAMES QUALIFIER FEMALE KUMITE -50 kg, -55 kg, -61 kg, -68 kg and +68 kg MALE KUMITE -60 kg, -67 kg, -75 kg, -84 kg and +84 kg
	14:00 –15:00	MEDICAL CONGRESS (HQ)
	19:00-20:00	TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND DRAW FOR PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIPS (HQ)
THURSDAY, MARCH 19	9:00	XXIX th SENIOR PAN AMERICAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP MALE AND FEMALE TEAM KATA, ELIMNATIONS & REPECHAGES; FEMALE KUMITE -61 kg and -68 kg ELIMINATION & REPECHAGES; MALE KUMITE -75 kg, -84 kg, +84 kg, ELIMINATION & REPECHAGES
	13:00	BREAK
	15:00	OPENING CEREMONIES
	16:00	FINALS AND AWARDS - TEAMS KATA. AND FEMALE KUMITE -61Kg, -68 kg MALE KUMITE -75 kg, -84Kg, +84 Kg.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20	9:00	INDIVIDUAL FEMALE AND MALE KATA, ELIMINATION & REPECHAGES; FEMALE KUMITE -50 Kg, -55Kg, +68 Kg, ELIMINATION & REPECHAGES; MALE KUMITE -60 Kg, -67 Kg, ELIMINATION & REPECHAGES
	13:00	BREAK
	15:00	FINALS AND AWARDS - MALE AND FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KATA; FEMALE KUMITE -50 Kg, -55 kg, +68 kg; MALE KUMITE -60 Kg, -67 Kg
SATURDAY, MARCH 21	9:00	MALE AND FEMALE TEAM KUMITE, TO FINALS
	13:00	BREAK
	15:00	FEMALE AND MALE OPEN KUMITE, TO FINALS AWARDS AND CLOSURE
SUNDAY, MARCH 22	ALL DAY	RETURN OF DELEGATIONS

SCHEDULE REMAINS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



More information and details will be provided shortly with regards to competition and training schedules, additional hotel, local transport, medical insurance requirements, registration process and timelines, etc.

In the mean time, follow us online via our event's Facebook page, at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Karate-Canada/459465044133223



We thank you sincerely for your patience, and look forward to greeting you soon in Toronto for these two great events!







Appendix A

December 2014

XXIX SENIOR PAN AMERICAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS and PAN AM GAMES CONTINENTAL QUALIFICATION EVENT – TORONTO 2015 CANADA -

Bulletin No. 1

Official Invitation

From: Directing Committee PKFTo:All PKF Members

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Pan American Karate Federation (PKF), it is with great pleasure that we invite your National Karate participate Federation to in the XXIX forthcoming Senior Pan American Karate Championship to be held from March 19th to March 21st, 2015 in Toronto, Canada, as well as in the 2015 Pan Am Games Continental Qualification Event, to be held in Toronto as well, on March 18th.

You will soon be receiving more specific information about the Championship and Qualification Event from the Organizing Committee.

Organizing Committee:

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Additional Information:

Membership Fee USD \$ 300 Registration fees are as follows:

- Referee Course kumite USD \$ 200
- Referee Course kata USD \$ 200
- Referee Course kata/kumite USD \$ 300
- Coach/trainer course USD \$ 100 Registration Fee: USD \$ 80 per athlete.
 For registrations after the closing of the on line registration a penalty of USD \$10 will be applied for the registration of each competitor.

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